

# STAGE 1

# MEANINGFUL USE

WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR TECHNICAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE GUIDANCE TODAY?

# Emerging standards

- Stage 1 is in the 60 day comment phase still, until early March
- Stage 2 WILL NOT BE WRITTEN until late 2011
- Stage 3 is anticipated in 2013, if schedules are kept

# What is in Stage 1 for TI group?

- 19 EMR objectives, all concerning individual office or hospital products
- 2 clinic EMR, 3 Hospital EMR public health objectives
- 1 security objective
- ONE criteria for accomplishing a single test of exchanging clinical data electronically.

# EMR objectives

- First, CPOE is simply implicit in fulfilling Stage 1 goals
- Remainder of goals are essentially available in most EMRs or upgrades over 24 months
- Take home lesson--this phase should *actively promote CPOE* over next 24 months, and *actively discourage adoption* of EMR without CPOE

# Public health goals

- Success is accomplished by performing ONE test of each task
- The public health system must be able to receive and exchange information as appropriate to be applicable
- Immunization registry must be retooled to do data merge, not just receive information

# Care coordination objective

- By 2013, both clinic and hospital EMRs will have performed “at least one test of certified EHR technology’s capacity to electronically exchange key clinical information.”
- Stage 2 criteria do not apply until 2013

# Lessons from Stage 1 criteria

- There are no guidelines here for us now
- 2012 may hold more criteria, but may not
- We have to make plans for a successful system for ARKANSAS first, one that MAY be blessed by the ONC criteria, which as yet, do not exist

# TI conclusions

- This is the first large federal funding for HIE ever
- The research phase in how to do this has just begun
- We SHOULD be entering a new innovative phase
- The models in the past have all died. WHY?



# How to proceed?

- Incremental growth, beginning with swapping Public health data effectively (stage 1 success + state is truly helped)
- Find what information is currently locked up and see if we can release any of it by negotiating agreements on how to handle it
- Are there simple answers that change how data access is accomplished right now?